



MEETING MINTUES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The
First, Second, and Third
Tuesday of each month

Special Meeting

5:00 p.m. Tour of
Auchoberry Pit

6:00 p.m. Walker
Community Center

September 16, 2008

5:00 p.m. Meeting at Auchoberry Pit Called to Order by Vice Chair Reid
6:10 p.m. Meeting at Walker Community Center Called to Order by Chairwoman Bauer
Supervisor Hazard was out of town.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Farnetti

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Tim Fesko: The community center needs a better PA system, air conditioning and heating. Even though the sound system is operational, it does not work well.
- Dave Robbins: Presented a letter from the chamber of commerce opposing the Sierra Nevada Conservancy request for a water study in the West Walker River. Mike Curti said the study is a good opportunity. Supervisor Reid said he will talk with the director of planning to discuss a process to properly vet this issue in the community.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

No reports were given.

CAO Report

David Wilbrecht: Regarding IMAAA, Inyo County has agreed to work with Mono County to resolve problems.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

- 3a) Auchoberry Pit Tour (**Evan Nikirk and Jeff Walters**) - The Board will take a tour of the Auchoberry Pit in Walker.

Action: Provide direction to staff if desired.

Evan Nikirk: Pointed out the boundaries of the County property, including the pit and the adjacent property. Issues discussed:

- Fencing around the pit. Signs are posted informing the public that the area will be fenced at a future date.
- Requested easement by an adjacent property owner.
- Possible one-for-one exchange with adjacent property owner so the disturbed area is contained solely on County property.
- County does not currently take material from the pit.
- Possibility of reclamation, which requires a plan prior to starting reclamation activities.
- Potential uses include a borrow pit, a site for a park, shop building, community center, or an industrial use. The County could choose to sell the property or remediate it.

Jeff Walters: The road department would like to use the area for a borrow pit.

David Wilbrecht: The County needs to know the zoning and potential uses of this property before agreeing to make an exchange with the adjacent property owner.

Marshall Rudolph: The County purchased the property on a tax sale in order to use the aggregate material.

Public Comment:

- Rose Murray—The community thought the property was going to be restored.
- Member of the Fire District—Having a second access onto the Herman property would help with fire fighting.

Supervisor Reid: Asked for follow-up information about the possible uses of the property, and asked for community input.

Nikirk: Will prepare options to present to the Board at a later date, and will investigate the zoning and the old phone line easement.

- 3b) Construction Project Workshop Continued (**Evan Nikirk and Kelly Garcia**) - Continue discussion from regular meeting (Agenda Item #11a) regarding County projects in Walker for the 2008 construction season. Receive staff report summarizing the condition assessment of County facilities in Walker.

Action: Provide direction to staff if desired.

Evan Nikirk: Public Works has been attending the third Board meeting each month to discuss priorities and progress on projects. He distributed a summary of Walker facilities needs and reviewed the list. Specifically,

- The Board has authorized replacement of the roof on the Walker Community Center

and the roof on the Walker Senior Center. The concrete parking pads in front of the Senior Center should be finished this week.

- Regarding the Walker ball field, Public Works' crews worked on the field last fall after the Marine Corps pulled out; there is currently a consultant working on turf, irrigation, and fence plans. When the plans are in place, work can move forward next spring after the team has finished its season.

Community members expressed frustration with project completion.

Supervisor Reid:

- The intent was to have the ball field ready for the next baseball season, but it won't happen. Will re-group and meet with the stakeholders to determine how to complete this project by next spring.
- The conditions study for County facilities has been done, and the next step is to have the needs assessment done so the Board can prioritize project funding.
- The list of projects and their status can be found on the Public Works' web page.
- The Walker area should qualify for CDBG grants.

Supervisor Bauer:

- The Board has to consider the various needs throughout the County. The Walker community received \$140,000 last year for the ball field and \$100,000 this year as seed money for grants; this is a lot of funding for the community.
- Also, the Public Works Department has been given funding to reorganize the department so they can be more responsive.

David Wilbrecht:

- The conditions study has been done for all the County facilities. The new roof on the Walker Community Center will solve the immediate need while the Board considers future needs, such as building a new community center in Walker as has been requested by the community.

3c)

Sale of Surplus Expedition to Antelope Valley Fire Protection District (**Jeff Walters**) - Receive staff report regarding a request from the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District (AVFPD) to purchase a surplus 2001 Ford Expedition (Unit 6384) from Mono County. Consider and potential authorize the Public Works Director to sell Unit 6384 to the AVFPD. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Action: Find that the 2001 Ford Expedition (Unit 6384, VIN 1FMPU16L71LB46384) is in fair condition but is excess and/or unneeded property. Authorize the Public Works Director to prepare, process, and execute applicable documents on behalf of Mono County to transfer ownership of Unit 6384 to the AVFPD.

This item was pulled. The fire district decided they did not want the expense of the vehicle. However, the Long Valley Fire District has expressed an interest in this vehicle so the issue will come back before the Board.

ADJOURN: 7:25 p.m.